

EXECUTIVE ORDER

No. 77-2

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CREATING THE ARIZONA GOVERNOR'S
COMMISSION ON CORRECTIONS PLANNING

WHEREAS, Arizona is concerned with the necessity for long range planning to assure the proper development of correctional institutions and programs; and

WHEREAS, continuing modern, efficient and fair administration of correctional facilities is of vital importance to the citizens of Arizona; and

WHEREAS, Arizona recognized that there is a need for continuing reviews of Arizona correctional institution programs as there is presently no legislatively or executively created body to deal with planning correctional facilities and programs on a continuous basis; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable for economic and social reasons to assure that Arizona's correctional institutions and programs are managed for maximum long term benefits to the State; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable for the Governor to have a Commission who will advise him on all existing or proposed programs and practices in the governmental and private sectors that significantly affect corrections activities, and who will analyze the issues and the reasonable alternatives to resolve problems, and who will emphasize efficiency and economy in conjunction with the social benefits;

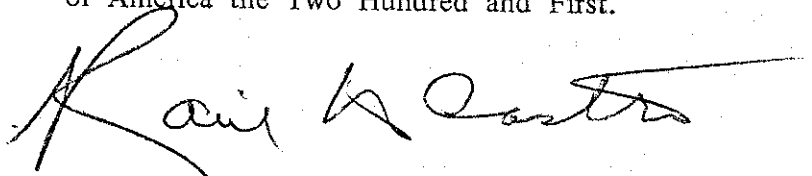
NOW, THEREFORE, I, RAUL H. CASTRO, GOVERNOR, of the State of Arizona, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the constitution and by the Statutes of this State, do hereby create the Arizona Governor's Commission on Corrections Planning and order and direct:

1. The functions and purpose of the Commission shall be to:
 - a. Advise the Governor on long range planning, development, coordination and implementation of policy relating to all aspects of the State's correctional system, including both correctional institutions and programs.
 - b. Review projections of inmate population in relation to the existing structure of correctional institutions in order to determine whether the facilities might best be combined, moved, increased or decreased.
 - c. Undertake a comprehensive research program to consider the reorganization of the Department of Corrections administration.
 - d. Review and formulate policies and standards relating to parole, work release programs, half-way houses and ex-offender programs.
 - e. Study and develop uniform standards and guidelines for prisoners' rights.
 - f. Establish a program for comprehensive utilization of volunteers in the Correctional system.
 - g. Review and make recommendations relating to prison work programs, educational programs and vocational training opportunities.
 - h. Examine the health, living and safety conditions at the State's correctional institutions.
 - i. Assist in educating state, local and private officials and organizations regarding the desirable benefits that can result from long range planning for the Correctional system.
 - j. Study the Correctional industries.

2. The Commission shall be comprised of not more than twenty members. Each Commission member shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor and the Governor shall appoint two co-chairpersons annually.
3. The Commission shall meet at the call of the Chairpersons and at such places within the State as they may designate. Eleven or more members shall constitute a quorum. The Commission shall meet not less than once each quarter.
4. The Commission shall coordinate with the Department of Corrections.
5. The Commission may contract and incur obligations reasonably necessary and desirable to carry out the functions and purposes of this order.
6. This order shall become effective immediately.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona.

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix this seventh day of March in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-seven and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and First.


GOVERNOR

ATTEST:


Secretary of State

